

CIMS: Summary of Discussion

‘Al-Quran: In the Light of Sunni and Shia Perspectives’

The aim of the event was to discuss and disseminate facts regarding the misconceptions of the authenticity of the holy Qur'an. At the end of the programme, a joint statement was prepared on behalf of both, Sunni and Shia Schools of thought:

- 1) It has been jointly substantiated that the text of the Quran in its current form i.e. from al-Fatiha till Al-Nas can be considered the complete Quran in its original form without any alteration, addition or deletion.
- 2) It is also agreed upon that the Quran we have which contains 114 chapters (sura) was compiled, taught and promulgated by the Holy Prophet without any slightest doubt.
- 3) The respected scholars representing both the major sects of Islam, after a thorough discussion and examination came to the conclusion that the various narrations on the distortion of the Quran are found baseless and are in clear contradiction to the various verses of the Quran and the well-established historical records.
- 4) The respected scholars from both sects have also established and reaffirmed the above mentioned points and put forward their special request to all people including Muslims and non-Muslims that in terms of the authenticity of the Quran,, they should consider these points as the Official Statement on behalf of both sets of Islam, namely Sunni and Shia.

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